six years old. The first game ever played was between Amherst and Wil-

RECEIVING OR STRIKER-OUT STRONG POINT IN TENNIS PLAY

Stars of Game Only Ones to Tackle Rising Ball-Service Should Be Taken at Top of Bound.

The Matter of "Top."

One should always be up on one's toes to facilitate a quick and well balanced shifting of position. The racket is generally cradled in the left hand for a like reason. I get my racket well enough back to put some pace on the return, and also impart a certain amount of "top" to it. This makes the ball harder to volley, because of its sudden dip, and also gives one more margin at the base line. But I must repeat that it is well for the average player to "go easy" at first as to applying "top," and to strive primarily to meet the ball squarely with the middle of the racket.

If the practice is to take the ball at the top of its bound—and this is by all means the better choice—the upper edge of the raceuet should be slightly in advance of the lower if the bound is of any height. The racket should be slightly turned over. For, of course, if the bound is of any height, the resulting stroke is, in general direction, downward, and any rise on the ball must be counteracted.

The placing of a return should never be sacrificed to pace and "top." Your placing will wholly depend upon your opponent's style of play, the opportunities open to you at the moment, and other varying factors. Above all, let there be no hesitation about what you do.

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ut it all depends upon what offers. our opponent may have a particularly Your opponent may have a particularly deadly backhand; he may be very swift to follow his service in to the net; his service may break very wide to your right, or vice versa. First of all, make sure of meeting the ball squarely with determination, and some purpose, whatever it may be.

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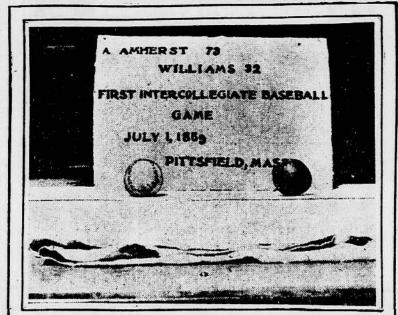
soned over to Pittsfield—college boys by the hundred, portly dames and bewhiskered farmers, blushing maidens and their self-conscious swains. This was the great event of the year. And even across the dim vista of retrospection Mr. Cushman recalls that this game lacked nothing of the inspiration given the college conflicts of today, for onto the great square of the athletic field trooped an entire seminary of girl students chaperoned by their teachers, and this, Mr. Cushman observed, "put us young men on our mettle to do our very best." From five to ten deep the throng surrounded the playing field.

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RALLS USED IN FIRST COLLEGIATE GAME. THE BALLS WERE SIX OR SEVEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, AND WERE VERY LIGHT; THEY WERE MADE OF A SMALL PIECE OF METAL, WRAPPED WITH YARN, THE WHOLE COVERED WITH LEATHER. THE BALLS ARE NOW IN THE TROPHY ROOM AT AMHERST.

form was the blue ribbon which each man had pinned on his breast." But Amherst won, and after the game the bits of blue ribbon were in great demand among the seminary students as trophies, expans as similar mementes.

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Fourteenth inning—Fenn, Amherst, made the longest hit of the game.
Twenty-sixth inning, the last—The Amherst boys ran around, regardless

BY AMHERST JUST FIFTY-SIX YEARS AGO

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no balls were allowed to pass the catcher which were within his reach, and very few were allowed to drop which he touched. He missed but one had never seen such fine amateur play-The batting order of the teams was

C. F. Simmons...
G. P. Blagden...
H. B. Fitch...
G. A. Parker...
C. R. Taft, umpire Referce, W. R. Plunkett, president of littsfield base ball club.

The two teams were entertained at dinner after the game by the Pitts-field club and speeches were made by

Amherst Celebrates Victory.

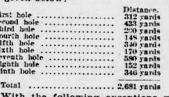
The report of the victory reached Amherst about 11 o'clock that night, brought by special messengers, who went through the principal streets shouting "Amherst wins-73 to 32." fired of waiting for the report and fearful that their team had been defeated, the Amherst students had gone to bed. They were quickly roused from their sleep, however, and a delegation was soon organized to ask President Stearns to permit a general celebra-tion. The president of the college was

Interesting Golf Notes From the Local Clubs

golf days of the local year, as fully 2,000 followers of the "royal and an-cient game" will enter the events prowhich he touched. He missed but one ticked ball in the course of the whole game, which was a remarkable feat when the striking was as quick and strong as was that of Williams.

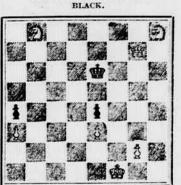
"More than all, Amherst took the lead by its perfect military discipline. The Amherst captain governed his men with great skill, and not more than six errors were made by the team. It was the unanimous opinion of both the Pittsfield and Williams clubs that they had never seen such fine amateur playagainst par made by members having more, the latter two to be at eighteen holes. Bannockburn will hold a minia ture tournament which will be comington Suburban Club has announced "Scotch foursomes." The programs for Columbia and the Washington Country Club have been changed, the former having announced that it will medal play ones, while the latter has decided to substitute a miniature tournament for the "sweepstakes" first announced. If good weather prevails, the local courses should all be crowded, as there will be no counter attraction in the form of base ball games, as was the case Decoration day.

Richard Beattie, the husky Scotceman of the Bannockburn Golf Club, has finally reached the final round of the "harvest home" tournament, having defeated George Rankin last Saturday, 4 up and 3, in the fifth round, and taken John W. Brawner's measure, 2 up, in the semi-finals Thursday. His round with Rankin was not particularly interesting, as he was easily the better player and, as may be seen by the score, had very little trouble in coming out on top, but in Brawner he met a foeman worthy of his steel, and he just managed to win out by a twohe just managed to win out by a two-hole margin.



P-KB4

PROBLEM BY W. COATES.



1 Kt – KKt6 K – B4 2 Kt – QR6 K – K3(a) 2 Kt – B4ch K – B5 3 Kt – KB4ch Anything 3 Q – QKt2 K – B4

SOLUTIONS

By J. Kohntz:

1 B-R5 B-QB4
2 Q-Q5ch KxQ 2 RxKt P-R8(Q)
3 P-K4ch Anything 1 Mates

1 ... B-B5
2 Q-Q BxR 3 B-KB3ch KxP

4 D mates

CHESS OFF-SEASON TO BE SHORTENED

Tours of Great Masters Stimulate Interest in This Country.

NEW YORK STATE GAMES SHOULD BE EXCEPTIONAL

Tourney This Year Ought to Rival Brilliant Affairs of the

The off-season for chess, usually from about the 1st of June to the middle of September, is to be shortened this year by almost two months, thanks to the country. Undoubtedly the splendid country last winter, particularly those in New York, were the strongest influences in bringing about this happy condition, but a large measure of credof Marshal, Capablanca, Lasker and Kostics. However much local events may attract, chess players are human and they like to see the stars of the game in action. The match between "Foozle" and "Slice" may be very interesting to themselves, but the gallery follows Travers.

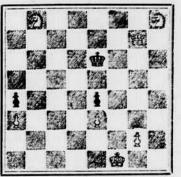
Though the list of entries has not yet been announced, the annual meeting o the New York State Chess Association promises, this year, to revive its anas Pillsbury, Steinitz, Napier and Liptournament. At least the lackadaisica methods of management in vogue for the past several years have been discarded, and earnest and capable efforts are being made to get together the pick of the eastern talent.

The chess world extends its heartiest felicitations and congratulations to Dr. Samuel Gold of New York, dean of American problem composers, upon the occasion of his eightieth birthday. Last Friday made the doctor an octo-

Breaking and making exhibition rec-ords seem to be about the ensiest things a chess master does these days. After the recent feats of Marshall and After the recent feats of Marshall and Capablanca at this style of play there was nothing left for Borls Kostics, the blindfold expert, but to go and do likewise—so he has done so. Playing on an average eight simultaneous blinifold games in each exhibition, the young Hungarian has yet to lose a single contest. Certainly no such blindfold work has been seen since Pillsbury's time. Following are the scores of two of his games played at Rochester and Cleveland:

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(a) If QxKP, 11. Kt-Kt5 PxKt, 12. BxP, threatening KtxQBPch and R-K, etc.



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SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S PROBLEMS.

(a) 2..... KxQR, 3. Kt-K3ch anything, 4.



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of serve or the bound of the ball that your opponent intends to use; it is primarily the direction that his service will take. If you have an inkling of this beforehand, it is an invaluable asset in getting yourself "set" for the return. And here I have touched upon one of the most vital attributes that at tennis player who wishes to go beyond the average stage must possess, that get to the net and hold it whenever of "anticipation." This is a peculiar attribute in that it cannot be acquired through any amount of mechanical practice, no matter how diligent. It is purpely mental; invaluable intuition

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came near spoiling everything by demanding his money before he stepped into the ring—something he had no right to do. Rivers is matched to meet Gilbert Gallant at Boston July 6, and it promises to be some battle, for they are of about the same size and weight and like the mixing end of the game. After these matches Rivers intends to take a trip west, unless some good bouts should develop in the east, in which event he will remain there for a time. He also plans to get on with some of the stars in Wisconsin and Minnesota during the coming season.

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